Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The people of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to serving as employees of our state in the transportation field; and,

Whereas, Robert D. Hicks joined the South Dakota Highway Department on October 18, 1960, serving the department in the positions of Engineering Aid B, Field Technician I and, after serving in the field for 20 years, as an Equipment Services Worker in the Pierre Region Shop; and,

Whereas, Robert is celebrating 45 years of service to the people of the state of South Dakota. He has made it his personal mission for the past 25 years to keep the fleet of Department of Transportation vehicles and all state vehicles operational and in service; and,

Whereas, Robert is a lifelong resident of South Dakota, born in Kimball, South Dakota, and was raised along with five brothers, including his twin, and three sisters in the ranch country of central South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Robert served as a basketball coach to the students at St. Joseph's School, including me, Governor M. Michael Rounds, when I was in 4th grade; and,

Whereas, Robert has been a loyal son to Mae Hicks, a resident of Kimball, South Dakota, is devoted to Theoda Blewett, his special friend for the past 9 years, and has dedicated himself to helping her care for her mother, Ruth Blewett, of Raymond, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this special South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2005, as

ROBERT D. HICKS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State